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Attention: Charles Steven Brantley, Petitions Attorney
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Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF HAND DELIVERY

The following documents have been hand-delivered to the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

1. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION (2 pgs.);
2. SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF FREDERICK S. BURKHART UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.03 (2 pgs.);
3. DECLARATION OF HOWARD S. GREENBERG UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.03, including MASTER DOCKET LIST (3 pgs.); and
4. TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS (1 pg.) together with 25 sheets of corrected formal drawings (in duplicate).

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION

This is in response to the action (Paper No. 21) mailed July 25, 2001, in the above-identified application. The recent Office Action stated that the petition will be treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 and will be considered upon submittal of the following:

- A. A Declaration that a search of the file jacket has been made;
- B. A copy of the printout of the Master Docket intended to accompany the Declaration of Howard S. Greenberg;
- C. New formal drawings.

Enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Declaration of Frederick S. Burkhart stating that the prosecution file jacket for the subject application was in his possession at the time of the alleged mailing of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability and that he has searched the file jacket and has not located a Notice of Allowability or a Notice of Allowance.

Also, enclosed is the original of the Declaration of Howard S. Greenberg, including a printout of the Master Docket of the firm of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto attached thereto.

Also, enclosed are new formal drawings.

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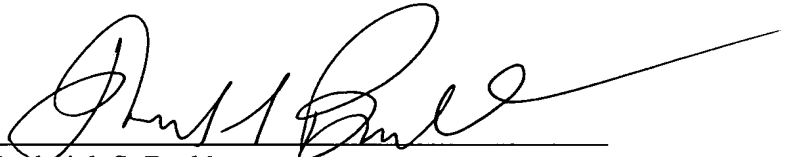
It is requested that Applicants' previously submitted petition be reconsidered in light of the additional documents submitted herein. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If Petitions Attorney Steven Brantley has any additional questions or reservations, it is requested that the Petitions Attorney call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH SCHOFIELD ET AL.

By: Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP

Date: August 2, 2001.



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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF FREDERICK S. BURKHART

UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.03

I, Frederick S. Burkhardt, declare and say that:

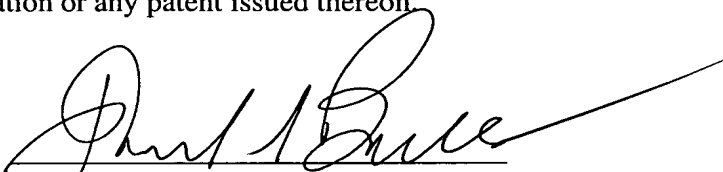
1. I am presently the attorney of record in the above-identified application. Responsibility for prosecution of the application was transferred to this firm immediately prior to December 21, 2000. Along with responsibility for prosecution of this application, I was provided the prosecution file jacket for the application. Therefore, the prosecution file jacket has been in my possession from a time prior to the alleged mailing of the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance.

2. I have conducted a search of the prosecution file jacket. I have not located a Notice of Allowability nor a Notice of Allowance, other than copies that were obtained by me from Patent Office records by my Washington associate for the purpose of preparation of the above-identified petition.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: August 2, 2001.



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DECLARATION OF HOWARD S. GREENBERG
UNDER M.P.E.P. § 711.03

Sir:

I, Howard S. Greenberg, declare and say that:

1. I am Docketing Manager of the law firm of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-3801. My responsibilities include docketing the receipt of documents from the Patent and Trademark Office, maintaining records of such documents and periods for response thereunder. All communications from the Patent and Trademark Office are directed to me immediately upon receipt within the firm.

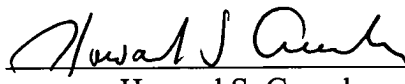
2. When I receive a communication from the Patent and Trademark Office, I calculate and enter in a computerized Master Docket, the date upon which a response to such Patent and Trademark Office communication is due. I then forward the communication to an attorney within the firm who is responsible for handling the matter.

3. I understand in the above-identified application, a Notice of Abandonment bearing a mailing date of May 23, 2001 stated that the subject application was abandoned due to Applicant's failure to pay the issue fee in response to a Notice of Allowance reportedly mailed on January 17, 2001. However, as reflected in the attached printout from the Master Docket, our records indicate that no Notice of Allowance was received by our office.

4. Our records indicate that responsibility for the file was transferred to a different firm and it is my understanding that the new firm filed a response to the second office action resulting in the above-referenced Notice of Allowance. After a search of the docket records, I conclude that the Notice of Allowance reportedly mailed on January 17, 2001 was never received by our firm.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: July 17, 2001


Howard S. Greenberg

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Title: AUTOMATIC REAR VIEW MIRROR AND VEHICLE INTERIOR MONITORING
SYSTEM USING A PHOTOSENSOR ARRAY

Product: Client Reference:
Origin: USA Priority Applic. #: 08/023918 File Date: 02/26/93

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03		W/FML DWGS	01/08/99	HND PR RPB	yes 01/08/99
04 RESP OA+3X	03/09/00	AMEND/PET	03/09/00	HND PR JAB	yes 03/09/00
05 DWG CORR	11/11/11				
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07 RESP OA+3X	01/14/01	TRANSFERRD	01/16/01	AS PER BCH	no
08 POWER REVOKED	06/22/01				

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